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Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Subject: Birth control pills

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to strongly encourage not to allow birth control pills to be made available without a physician's prescription.

Birth control pills are very safe when used under the guidance of a physician. However, there are situations in which taking birth control pills can pose a great risk to a woman. These risk factors must be evaluated by a physician and the patient monitored while taking them.

The mission of the Food & Drug Administration is to protect the public. If you allow birth control pills to be available over-the-counter without a prescription, you will create a health hazard.

Sincerely,

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